(f) whether East Coast Road will be extended to link Cape Comorin (Kanya Kumari) via Trichendur in order to bring uninterrupted tourist flow to southern tip; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) Does not arise as it has neither been declared as National Highway nor any Central assistance has been recently sanctioned.

(d) The Asian Development Bank has shown interest to offer loan assistance for the stretch from Madras to Cuddalore for a length of 180 Kms. The matter is still in a preliminary stage.

(e) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present.

(f) Being a State Road, it is for the State Government of Tamil Nadu to decide.

Statement

Details of Length of the East Coast Road from Madras to Tuticorin, cost of Construction, Linking of cities etc.

(i)	Length of Road from Madras to Tuticorin	660 Kms.
(ii)	Cost for Two-lane NHs Standard	As per the preliminary estimates of the Tamil Nadu Government, the cost of making two-lane National Highways standard from Madras to Tuticorin is Rs. 150 00 crores. However, the State Government sent a proposal for the improvement/upgradation of certain stretches of the East Cost Road at the cost of Rs. 24.07 crores for financing under the Centrally Aid programme of loan assistance for State Roads of In ter-State of Economic Importance during the 7th Five Year Plan. But owing to financial constraints, it is not possible for the Government of India to render financial assistance at this point of time or to declare it as a National Highway.
(iii)	Linking of cities/towns of the Madras-Tuticorin of the East Cost Road	The East Cost Road from Madras to Tuticorin is linked by several towns/cities *en-route*, i.e. Mahabalipuram, Markkanan, Pondicherry, Cuddalore. Karaikal, Nagur, Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam, Muthupet, Mimsal, Tondi, Ramanad, Sayalukudi, and Tuticorin etc.

Admission to senior Navyug Schools

*260. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 14th April, 1988 and the Hindustan Times dated the 15th April, 1988 to the effect that the students of N.D.M.C. Junior Navyug Schools are facing difficulty in getting admission to Senior Navyug Schools;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for the redressal of the grievances of these students; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Navqug Schools have been set up and are managed by the New Delhi Municipal Committee. As per the criteria laid down by the N.D.M.C. for admission in Senior Navyug Schools, such of the students who secure more than 60 per cent marks in Class V in the Junior Navyug Schools can auhomatically get admission in he Senior Navyug Schools. The remaining students can compete for admission in the Senior Navyug Schools alongwith students of other schools. Alternatively, they can seek admission in other Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools run by the N.D.M.C./Delhi Administration. As reported by N.D.M.C., there is no proposal under its consideration for opening of any new Senior Navyug School or to upgrade the Junior Navyug Schools into Senior Navyug Schools due to paucity of funds and accommodation.

Screening of film "Shar"

@1637. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not allowing the screening of the film 'Shar' made by Mr. G. Aravindam for exhibition on Indian Women "Stree" organised as part of the festival of India in the Soviet Union; and

(b) what were the reasons for not allowing of the film 'A day in the life of Indira Gandhi' at the exhibition?

@Previously Unstarred Question 1248 transferred from 6th May, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The film 'Shahja' was not approved for screening at the Exhibition 'Stree' because it did not integrate with the theme of the Exhibition on Women's equality and the struggles towards attaining it.

(b) The filming of 'A day in the life of Indira Gandhi' was objected to by the designers of the Exhibition who prevented its screening at the initial stage. The film was however shown on our insistence and the intervention of our Embassy.

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan

1638. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any appeal recently from Employees of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi making serious complaints of malpractices misbehaviour, favouritism and autocratic behaviour by the present Deputy Director of the Sansthan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Government have received an appeal on behalf of the employees of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan alleging malpractices, misbehaviour, favouritism etc., against one Deputy Director. The matter is being examined.